

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16 and 17 as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ readable storage media comprising instructions for determining that a group has been improperly assigned a privilege level higher than user level privilege, the group including a plurality of members, said ~~computer program product~~ instructions comprising:

~~a computer readable medium;~~

first program instructions to compare each member within the group to a first list, the first list including names of trusted individuals authorized to perform system administrator tasks;

second program instructions to determine whether the group includes at least one suspect member not on the first list, and if so, generate a report identifying said at least one suspect member not on the first list and the group in which said at least one suspect member is a member; and

third program instructions to determine whether the group has a group name on a second list, ~~the second list including~~ of group names generally used for a group with untrusted user level privilege, and if so, generate a report indicating that the group has a group name generally used for a group having untrusted user level privilege, such that members of the group are revealed as ~~potentially not trusted~~ suspect; and

said first, second and third program instructions are recorded on said ~~medium~~ computer readable storage media.

2. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ readable storage media as set forth in claim 1 wherein there are a plurality of applications or application instances, and a same group can be assigned different privilege levels for involvement with different applications or application instances; and said third program instructions makes its determination separately for each application or application instance.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ readable storage media as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

fourth program instructions to determine whether the group has a group name not included on a third list, the third list including group names generally used for a group having a privilege level higher than user level privilege, and if so, generate a report indicating that the group has a group name not on the third list, such that members of the group are revealed as ~~potentially not trusted~~ suspect;

wherein said fourth program instructions are recorded on said ~~medium~~ computer readable storage media.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ readable storage media as set forth in claim 1, wherein said second program instructions determine whether the group includes at least one suspect member not on the first list, and if not, generate a report indicating that the group has all its members on the first list.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program product~~ readable storage media as set forth in claim 1, further comprising fourth program instructions, responsive to determining that the group has a group name on the second list, to determine whether each member of the group is on the first list; and wherein

said fourth program instructions are recorded on said ~~medium~~ computer readable storage media.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer system for determining that a group has been improperly assigned a privilege level higher than user level privilege, the group including a plurality of members, said computer system comprising:

a central processing unit, a computer readable memory and a computer readable storage media;

~~means~~ first program instructions for comparing members within the group to a first list, the first list including names of trusted individuals authorized to perform system administrator tasks;

~~means~~ second program instructions for determining whether the group includes at least one suspect member not on the first list, and if so, generating a report identifying the at least one suspect member and the group in which the at least one suspect member is included; and

~~means~~ third program instructions for determining whether the group has a group name on a second list, ~~the second list including of~~ group names generally used for a group with untrusted user level privilege, and if so, generating a report indicating that the group has a group name

generally used for a group with untrusted user level privilege, such that the members of the group are revealed as ~~potentially not trusted~~ suspect.

wherein said first, second, and third program instructions are stored on said computer readable storage media for execution by said central processing unit via said computer readable memory.

7. (Previously Presented) A computer system as set forth in claim 6 wherein there are a plurality of applications or application instances, and a same group can be assigned different privilege levels for involvement with different applications or application instances; and said means for determining whether the group has a group name generally used for a group with user level privilege makes its determination separately for each application or application instance.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer system as set forth in claim 6, further comprising:

~~means~~ fourth program instructions for determining whether the group has a group name not on a third list, the third list including group names generally used for a group having a privilege level higher than user level privilege, and if so, generating a report indicating that the group has a group name not generally used for a group with the higher level privilege, such that the members of the group are revealed as ~~potentially not trusted~~ suspect, said fourth program instructions are stored on said computer readable storage media for execution by said central processing unit via said computer readable memory.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer system as set forth in claim 6, wherein said ~~means~~ second program instructions for determining whether the group includes at least one suspect member not on the first list determines that the group has all of its members on the list of trusted individuals, ~~said means~~ and generates a report indicating that the group has all its members on the first list.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer system as set forth in claim 6, wherein responsive to determining that the group has a group name generally used for a group with untrusted user level privilege, further ~~comprises means for~~ determining whether the members of the group are on the first list.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program product~~ readable storage media comprising instructions for determining that a group has been improperly assigned a privilege level higher than user level privilege, the group including a plurality of members, said ~~computer program product~~ instructions comprising:

~~a computer-readable medium;~~

first program instructions to compare each member within the group to a first list, the first list including names of trusted individuals authorized to perform system administrator tasks;

second program instructions to determine whether the group includes at least one suspect member not on the first list, and if so, generate a report identifying said at least one suspect

member not on the first list and the group in which said at least one suspect member is a member; and

third program instructions to determine whether the group has a group name not on a second list, ~~the second list including~~ of group names generally used for a group having a privilege level higher than user level privilege, and if so, generate a report indicating that the group has a group name not generally used for a group having a privilege level higher than user level privilege, such that the members of the group are revealed as ~~potentially not trusted~~ suspect;

said first, second and third program instructions are recorded on said ~~medium~~ computer readable storage media.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program product~~ readable storage media as set forth in claim 11 wherein there are a plurality of applications or application instances, and a same group can be assigned different privilege levels for involvement with different applications or application instances; and said third program instructions makes its determination separately for each application or application instance.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program product~~ readable storage media as set forth in claim 11 wherein said second program instructions determine whether the group has at least one member not on the first list, and if not, generate a report indicating that the group has all its members on the first list.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ readable storage media as set forth in claim 11 further comprising fourth program instructions, responsive to determining that the group has a group name on the second list, to determine whether each member of the group is on the first list; and wherein

said fourth program instructions are recorded on said ~~medium~~ computer readable storage media.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ readable storage media comprising instructions for managing privileges of groups, said ~~computer-program-product~~ instructions comprising:

~~a computer-readable medium;~~

first program instructions to determine that a group with an actual privilege level higher than untrusted user level privilege has a group name on a list of group names generally used for a group with untrusted user level privilege; and

second program instructions, responsive to a determination of a group with an actual privilege level higher than untrusted user level privilege with a group name generally used for a group with a privilege level no higher than untrusted user level privilege, to compare members of said group to a list of trusted individuals authorized to perform system administrator tasks, and if any suspect member of said group does not appear on said list of trusted individuals, remove said suspect member from said group; and wherein

said first and second program instructions are recorded on said ~~medium~~ computer readable storage media.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program-product~~ readable storage media comprising instructions for managing privileges of groups, said ~~computer-program-product~~ instructions comprising:

a ~~computer-readable-medium~~;

first program instructions to determine that a group with an actual privilege level higher than user level privilege has a group name not on a list of group names generally used for a group with privilege level higher than user level privilege; and

second program instructions, responsive to a determination of a group with an actual privilege level higher than user level privilege with a group name not generally used for a group with privilege level higher than user level privilege, to compare members of said group to a list of trusted individuals authorized to perform system administrator tasks, and if any suspect member of said group does not appear on said list of trusted individuals, lower the actual privilege level of said group; and

said first and second program instructions are recorded on said ~~medium~~ computer readable storage media.